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Applicant(s) : SHINOZAKI et al.. Customer No. 23838
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF AUGUST 23, 2007

SIR:

Applicants elect, with traverse, the claims of **Group II (claims 2, 10, 11, and 13)** and a promoter of **SEQ ID NO: 13** for examination in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 23, 2007.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any issues concerning this application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 11-0600 (Kenyon & Kenyon LLP).

Respectfully submitted,

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